

**AGENDA FOR
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS' "NOON" MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003
Immediately Following Director's Meeting
CONFERENCE ROOM 113**

I. MINUTES

1. Minutes of "Noon" Council Members' Meeting for April 7, 2003.
2. Pre-Council Meeting Minutes - RE: KPMG Financial Audit - March 17, 2003.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES

1. Public Building Commission (Camp/Seng)
2. Multicultural Advisory Committee (McRoy)
3. Mayor's Hometown Security Study Committee (McRoy/Svoboda)
4. Board of Health (Svoboda)

OTHER MEETINGS REPORTS:

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - NONE

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - NONE

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS

1. Updowntowners Membership Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel - Cost is \$9.50 - RSVP to Heather at 434-6507 (No Shows will be charged \$9.50 - Cancellations must be made by April 14th) - (See Invitation)
2. Please join us for a ribbon cutting celebration to mark the opening of Nelnet's (National Education Loan Network) - new office space on Tuesday, April 29, 2003 at 121 South 13th Street, Suite 201, Lincoln - The commencement will begin at 4:00 p.m. with an open house immediately following - Refreshments will be served through 6:00 p.m. - Questions, please Jessica Bond at 458-2316. (See Invitation)

3. Seminar – Beyond Publicity-Community Relations as Marketing- Building Strong Ties in the Community - Presenters: Panel of members of the Lincoln Chapter of the American Marketing Association - on Friday, April 25, 2003 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension Training Center, 444 Cherry Creek Road - \$25.00 Members of Human Services Federation or Leadership Lincoln/ \$40.00 Non-Members –Jean Dier at 441-4661. (See Invitation)
4. Conference - Lancaster County Office of Juvenile Mental Health Families First & Foremost (F3) - Defining Competency and Beyond in the System of Care: on Monday, May 5, 2003 at Holiday Inn-Downtown Lincoln - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - RSVP to Henry Moss at 441-4872. - (Note FYI: This is on a Monday) (See Invitation for more details)

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - NONE

VII. CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Council Members Present: Jonathan Cook, Chair; Jon Camp, Vice Chair; Glenn Friendt [Arrived after the Minutes Vote]; Annette McRoy; Coleen Seng; Ken Svoboda; ABSENT: Terry Werner.

Others Present: Mark Bowen, Corrie Kielty, Mayor's Office; Dana Roper, City Attorney; Don Herz, Finance Director; Joan Ray, Council Secretary; Darrell Podany, Aide to Council Members Camp, Friendt and Svoboda.

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Chair Jonathan Cook requested a motion to approve the above-listed minutes. Annette McRoy moved approval of the minutes, as presented. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and the minutes were approved as presented by unanimous consensus of those Council members present.

II. COUNCIL REPORTS ON BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFERENCES -

1. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION (Camp/Seng) Mr. Camp reported that the Parking Committee would be offering a presentation at the Common Meeting which is to be held on May 13th. He noted that the County Board had some ideas outlined in a letter from Gary Lacey and that communique would be presented at the Common meeting. Apparently, some County Board Members were opposed to having employees pay for parking. Council members acknowledged their viewpoint to be that employees should pay for privileged parking (i.e. covered & underneath the building). Employees utilizing those facilities should pay for the use, but remote parking should be made available at no cost to those employees utilizing the remote area parking. This issue will be explored more thoroughly at the Common meeting. All Council Members agreed that whatever is done should be done jointly by the County and City - both policies should be the same. Mr. Camp noted that Parking at the Health Department had also been discussed briefly and he was surprised at the lack of neighborhood input on some of the proposals.

Mr. Camp and Ms. Seng reported on several miscellaneous issues that had been brought forward at the meeting. Mr. Camp noted that the Aquarium policy was brought forward once again with a proposal for allowing gerbils. This proposal was voted down. Ms. Seng reported that the leak above the Mayor's Office has been repaired. Mr. Camp reported that the PBC had approved a "hold harmless" agreement with the Duncan family on the art exhibit wherein the City would not be held responsible for any damage to the on-loan pieces being displayed in the County-City Building.

2. MULTICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (McRoy) Ms. McRoy reported that the Mayoral candidates had attended the meeting for a Q&A period. Ms. McRoy thought both candidates had done a good job of fielding the questions for the MAC Members. One question that hadn't been asked was whether or not the new mayor would continue to attend the MAC Meetings as a regular participant. Both candidates indicated that they would continue that mayoral commitment.

3. MAYOR'S HOMETOWN SECURITY STUDY COMMITTEE (McRoy//Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda stated that there had been good, open discussion. We had asked various departments to draft letters asking what kind of public services the City wants. The Mayor provided the questions. The Police Department received 17 responses from their survey which Chief Casady presented at the meeting. The Fire Department asked the same questions and Bruce Dart of the Health Department will present his Department's responses to those same questions.

Both Mr. Svoboda and Ms. McRoy noted that the sub-committees are working on sharpening their focus as the meetings continue.

4. BOARD OF HEALTH (Svoboda) Mr. Svoboda reported that the Board met last Thursday. He noted that they had voted on the Advisory Committee re-appointments. They had implemented a Strategic Plan that is Board driven rather than Administratively driven.

They had discussed the possible repeal of the helmet law, with the Board Chairman, Ed Schneider, stating the case against repeal most forcefully. Larry Hudkins brought up a concern that farmers and ranchers are, in this modern age, often riding motorcycles or four-wheelers on their field runs. Mr. Hudkins had expressed concern that the law would place restrictions that would not only be an inconvenience, but also a safety concern for these folks. It was felt that it would be better to revise the language of the bill to exempt farm and ranch operators rather than to repeal the helmet law.

OTHER MEETINGS - Ms. McRoy reported that the JBC had made a decision on the Indian Center Funding and she would like the Council to informally approve of the decision at this Noon meeting. There was concern as to whether or not such a vote would be appropriate without putting the decision up for public hearing. Mr. Roper indicated that it would be appropriate to take a vote now, or to submit the agency and the decision to public hearing...it would merely be a matter of process. During ensuing discussion, it was noted that the original funding had not been allocated under any public hearing forum and it was determined that any decision at this point could be reasonably made without public hearing.

The decision regarding the Indian Center funding made by JBC:

JBC would withhold the funding which had been allocated to the Indian Center for the 2nd and 3rd Quarters (\$5,000.00 Total - \$2500 per Quarter); and would hold the 4th Quarter funding pending the Center's promised compliance with the rules and guidelines set out by the JBC - laid out to help the Center attain full fiscal and organizational responsibility. Council agreed to support the JBC decision. Annette McRoy moved that council approve the JBC action regarding the Indian Center Funding. The motion was seconded by Ken Svoboda and carried by the following vote: AYES: Coleen Seng, Glenn Friendt, Jonathan Cook, Jon Camp, Annette McRoy, Ken Svoboda; ABSENT: Terry Werner.

III. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS - None

IV. REQUESTS OF COUNCIL FROM MAYOR - City Finance Director Don Herz was at this meeting to explain the monitoring system for EMS cash flow. He explained the differences that appeared in the monthly statements as being affected by the difference between Accrual funds and Cash funds. He gave an in-depth report, answering questions posed by Council Members. It was agreed, at the end of that report, that he would submit another written report to the Council in two weeks which would further explain their remaining concerns.

V. MEETINGS/INVITATIONS - Noted Without Significant Comment

VI. MISCELLANEOUS - FROM ADDENDUM:

1. Discussion of the Council's Preferences for the Ceremonies involved in the Council Transition scheduled for May 19, 2003. The Council, after a brief discussion, agreed to continue with the traditional form for the swearing in ceremonies at the transitional meeting to be held on May 19, 2003 - after the "Noon" Farewell luncheon which will be held at the Nebraska Club.
2. Mr. Cook proposed two topics to the Council to be considered for Pre-Council meetings. On the first, a Public Works presentation on a 10th & "O" Streets Double Left Turn Option vs. Pedestrian Crosswalk, Council agreed to a pre-council meeting which has been scheduled for April 28th at 10:30 a.m. A second pre-council meeting, regarding further information on the Sidewalk R-O-W Ordinance, after a brief discussion which included a somewhat acrimonious exchange between Council Members Cook and Camp, was deemed to be unnecessary.

VII. COUNCIL MEMBERS -

JON CAMP - No Further Comments

JONATHAN COOK - No Further Comments

GLENN FRIENDT - No Further Comments

ANNETTE McROY - No Further Comments

COLEEN SENG - Ms. Seng commented that she felt Mr. Camp's comments during the Sidewalk Ordinance discussion had not been in good form. She also noted that plantings of vegetables had not been included in the Ordinance language and many of her constituents would want that issue addressed.

Ms. Seng asked Mr. Roper how the distribution resolution for her discretionary fund allocation was coming along. Mr. Roper replied that the distribution would not require a resolution, unless Ms Seng would like to have it handled in that fashion. He indicated that Mr. Lynn Johnson of the Parks Department would set up a priority list and the money would be transferred by the Auditing Department into the prioritized programs until the sum of approximately \$28,000 had been totally allocated. Ms. Seng noted that the money would be spent on medians in the Northeast Council District.

KEN SVOBODA - No Further Comments

TERRY WERNER - Absent

MARK BOWEN - No Further Comments

CORRIE KIELTY - No Further Comments

DANA ROPER - No Further Comments

VIII. MEETING ADJOURNED - Approximately 12:30 p.m.